GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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GOVERNMENT CASES
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are a party to more than one third of the litigations in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have set up any Committee to ascertain whether the cases involving the Government should be pursued further or not;

(c) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted any report in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to settle the disputes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE, COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Union Government are a party in a number of cases pending in various Courts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d) Do not arise.

(e) The Government has taken a number of steps for speedy settlement of cases such as setting up of fast track courts ; setting up of Lok Adalats; enactment of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 to encourage settlement of disputes through arbitration and conciliation; and setting up of various fora for speedy disposal of disputes such as Central Administrative Tribunal, Consumer Forums at District level, State level and Central level,Railway Claims Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission, Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, etc.